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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi SHIRAKAWA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: AUCTION SYSTEM AND METHOD

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- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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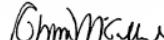
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (5,966,699) on Form PTO-1449:

A computer system for conducting an electronic loan auction over a computer network such as the Internet.

Reference AB (6,023,686) on Form PTO-1449:

The invention presents a method for conducting an on-line bidding session to accumulate a collective bid for a property. The bidding session is conducted over a computer network that includes a central computer, a number of remote computers, and communication lines.

Reference AC (6,098,051) on Form PTO-1449:

A crossing network that matches buy and sell orders based upon a satisfaction and quantity profiles.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME		CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
/TH/	AA	5,966,699	10/12/99	Richard Zandi				
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